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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH CHIEF KAPUUO

REF: MCHENRY/SEITZ TELCON

1. CONFIRMING TELEPHONE CONVERSATION, SEITZ SHOULD
CONTACT CHIEF KAPUUO, SAY THAT AMBASSADOR MCHENRY HAD
ASKED HIM TO CALL, AND OFFER TO MEET WITH HIM, IF
POSSIBLE WITHOUT PRESENCE OF SUMMERS.

2. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SUMMERS
HAD INDICATED THAT KAPUUO MIGHT BE WILLING TO ENDORSE
THE CONTACT GROUP APPROACH AND THAT IN SO DOING HE
APPRECIATED THE FACT THAT HE WOULD BE UNDERCUTTING
VORSTER'S CLAIM THAT, IN PURSUING TURNHALLE, VORSTER IS
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FULFILLING HIS COMMITMENT TO NAMIBIA'S ETHNIC GROUPS.
SUMMERS WENT FURTHER AND SAID THAT KAPUUO WOULD BE
WILLING TO PERSUADE OTHER ETHNIC REPRESENTATIVES TO
SUPPORT THE CONTACT GROUP AND SUGGESTED THAT IN SO
DOING HE WOULD IN REALITY BE DOING VORSTER A FAVOR BY
ALLOWING HIM TO BACK AWAY FROM TURNHALLE.

3. IN MAKING THIS APPROACH, WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT

KAPUUO IS INTERESTED IN GETTING FROM THE US SOME SENSE OF DIRECTION IN WHICH WE SEE EVENTS IN NAMIBIA FLOWING AS A RESULT OF THE EFFORTS OF THE CONTACT GROUP. YOUR COMMENTS SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO GIVE HIM SUCH AN IMPRESSION AND TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO SUPPORT THE CONTACT GROUP'S EFFORTS. WE OBVIOUSLY DO NOT WANT TO INCUR ANY COMMITMENT TO KAPUUO NOR GIVE HIM ANY IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE PREPARED IN ANY WAY TO SUPPORT ANY PARTICULAR POLITICAL FACTION OR INDIVIDUAL IN NAMIBIA, INCLUDING KAPUUO.

3. IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH KAPUUO YOU SHOULD THUS EMPHASIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, IS ENGAGED IN A SERIOUS EFFORT TO BRING ABOUT THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA IN A FASHION WHICH IS INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE; THIS MEANS IN A FASHION WHICH IS IN CONFORMITY WITH SC RESOLUTION 385. THIS WAS THE BASIS OF THE FIVE'S PRESENTATIONS IN CAPE TOWN. IT WAS THE BASIS OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S DISCUSSION OF NAMIBIA WITH PRIME MINISTER VORSTER.

4. IN PURSUING THESE OBJECTIVES, WE MADE FULLY CLEAR TO SOUTH AFRICA THAT TURNHALLE IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE PROCESS. IT MUST BE SUSPENDED. WE ALSO SAID THAT ANY INTERIM GOVERNMENT MUST NOT BE TURNHALLE BY ANOTHER NAME.

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5. WE HAVE NOT GIVEN TO THE SAG OUR VIEWS OF WHAT FORM AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT SHOULD TAKE. BUT GIVEN THE NEED TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIA PROBLEM, IT IS CLEAR TO US THAT SUCH A GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE TO BE:

--NEUTRAL AS TO ANY POLITICAL FACTION IN NAMIBIA;

-- DIRECTED TOWARD A POLITICAL PROCESS WHICH WILL BRING ABOUT, FIRST, ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CONSTITUTION AND THEN INDEPENDENCE; AND,

-- COMPATIBLE WITH UN INVOLVEMENT IN SUCH A POLITICAL PROCESS.

6. IN PRESENTING THESE VIEWS, YOU SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR

THAT YOU CANNOT SPEAK IN AN AUTHORITATIVE FASHION. YOU
MAY ALSO DRAW UPON, AS NECESSARY, THE EXTENDED
BRIEFING GIVEN VARIOUS POLITICAL FACTIONS IN WINDHOEK
BY THE CONTACT GROUP (USUN 1375).

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